



**CITY OF GREENSBORO
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NEW ACADEMY OPENS THE DOOR TO CITY HALL

GREENSBORO, NC (June 14, 2004) – The City of Greensboro is gearing up for an inaugural community wide public education program slated to begin this fall. Government Works: A City Academy is a series of classes designed to teach participants about City government. The program will help to develop future leaders and build a better community through well informed and civically engaged residents. Classes begin Thursday, September 9 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and meet for 10 consecutive weeks every Thursday. A special graduation ceremony will be held Tuesday, November 16 in front of City Council. Cost to attend the academy is free and meals are provided.

“Government Works will provide the residents of Greensboro an inside look at the public policy process,” says City Manager Ed Kitchen. “This in turn will foster an environment where residents and government officials work in conjunction to increase the quality of life that we all enjoy in Greensboro,” he adds.

Class participants will get the chance to take part in activities such as a simulated “balanced budget” game, authentic firehouse meal, mock neighborhood meeting, tour of the new Guilford Metro 911 Center, rappelling from the firehouse tower, tour of the water treatment plant and more.

Government Works is open to any resident who lives or works in Greensboro, with special preference given to those who reside within the city limits. Students must submit an application and go through a selection process. Twenty-five individuals that represent all council districts and different backgrounds will be selected for the academy. Other selection criteria include:

- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Participants must commit to attending at least 80% of the classes (8 out of 10 classes)
- Preference given to residents with expressed interest in serving on a board or commission

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Applications will be available online at www.greensboro-nc.gov starting today, June 11 or by calling Brian Cockman at 373-7980. **Deadline to apply is July 26.**

The City of Greensboro works in partnership with the community to build an increased quality of life for all residents by fostering an environment where inclusion, diversity, and trust are valued. As the seventh largest employer in Greensboro, the City has a dedicated professional staff of 2700 employees who maintain four core values of honesty, integrity, stewardship, and respect. The City of Greensboro is governed by a council-manager form of government where a mayor and eight council members act as the legislative body. For more information on the City of Greensboro, please visit us on line at www.greensboro-nc.gov.

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